



Docket No. 1232-4494

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Seiya OHTA

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Examiner: B. Genco

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For: OPTICAL EQUIPMENT AND ITS CONTROL METHOD, AND COMPUTER-  
READABLE STORAGE MEDIUM

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTIONS REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

Kindly consider the following election in response to Election/Restrictions

Requirement mailed on April 20, 2005.

**ELECTION:**

The Examiner, in the Office Action mailed on April 20, 2005, required restriction of  
the claims to one of the following Species:

Species I: Fig. 4;  
Species II: Fig. 7;  
Species III: Fig. 9;  
Species IV: Fig. 11;  
Species V: Fig. 12;  
Species VI: Fig. 15;  
Species VII: Fig. 18;  
Species VIII: Fig. 20;  
Species IX: Fig. 24;  
Species X: Fig. 25;  
Species XI: Fig. 27; and  
Species XII: Fig. 31.

Applicant provisionally elects to pursue prosecution of the Species III, which is depicted in Figure 9. At least claims 24, 25, 30, 31, 36, 37, 42-44 are believed to be readable on this elected species. Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the non-elected species/claims and allowance of all claims in the application. This election is made without traverse.

**AUTHORIZATIONS**

The Commissioner is also hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for the timely consideration of this response, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4503, Order No. 1232-4494.

Respectfully submitted,  
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